

HEAD QUARTERS, ARMY OF TENNESSEE,

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The great number of men who have joined Cavalry Commands, and avail themselves of that peculiar service to roam over the country as marauders, avoiding all duty, renders it necessary that Cavalry Commanders should use vigorous means to search out such characters, and have them transferred to Infantry Regiments, where they can be more easily watched and compelled to perform their duties.

Cavalry Commanders will immediately make out, and forward through the proper channels, to these Head Quarters, full and complete Descriptive Lists of all such officers and men in their Commands, in order that they may be transferred to Infantry. This will include those who frequently fail to be with their Commands on active duty, whether from loitering about camp, from being without serviceable horses, from a deficiency in health on the part of the soldier himself, or from any other of the various causes by which bad soldiers seek to avoid the hardships and dangers of the service. Under the head of remarks will be stated the reasons for recommending the transfer.

Hereafter any Cavalry soldier who is found absent from his Command without written authority from his Brigade Commander, or other competent authority, will be immediately dismounted and sent on foot, under guard, to the nearest guard-house, with a written statement of the facts concerning his arrest, in order that he may be sent to his Corps Commander, and be assigned to the Infantry. Their horses and equipments will be sent to the Chief Quartermaster of Cavalry. Commanders of Cavalry Companies will state upon their Muster and Pay Rolls, under head of remarks, the number of days each soldier has been without a serviceable horse; and the Paymasters will not pay the soldier for use and risk of horse, except for the number of days his horse has been fit for duty.

All Cavalry horses not fit for duty, and not susceptible of speedy restoration, will, under the direction of the Commanding General of Cavalry, be immediately turned over to the Chief Quartermaster of this Army for future disposition.

By command of GENERAL BRAGG.

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